

**DOE Weekly Field Memo – July 15, 2009**

**From the Department of Education:**

- **Act 62 Required Prekindergarten Assessments**
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**Act 62 Required Prekindergarten Assessments**

**Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Special Education Directors, Coordinators of Early Education Initiative and Essential Early Education Programs**

Act 62 requires publicly funded prekindergarten programs to report child progress data for all children who are included in a district's school census. Districts and providers must use either the Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum (CCDC) or Work Sampling System (WSS) to measure child progress starting in 2009-2010. There are two versions of CCDC and WSS: a printed version and a Web-based version. As a result of Vermont's agreements with the assessment publishers, reduced rates for the Web-based version of CCDC and WSS are now available. Click on this link to obtain information on how to apply for this reduced rate:

[http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_earlyed/prekindergarten/assessment.html](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_earlyed/prekindergarten/assessment.html).

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**Updating the Vermont Technology Grade Expectations**

**Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Tech Coordinators, Consultants, Outside Entities**

The Vermont Department of Education is looking for an entity or individual(s) to develop an update to our current iteration of the Information Technology Grade Expectations. These GEs, originally developed in 2004, were based at the time on the National Education Standards that were produced by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). The ISTE standards were updated in 2007 to reflect a more broad approach to technology and its use in classrooms. Vermont is due for a similar update to our GEs to reflect these new standards. Creativity, communication, collaboration are just some of the areas addressed in the new standards. This request for proposals seeks an entity or individual(s) to work with both the field and the education technology coordinator for Vermont to devise an update to the existing work. This work will entail two distinct phases: this RFP deals with Phase One and is anticipated to be no more than \$20,000. More details are provided in the RFP:

[http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_edtech.html#phase\\_1](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_edtech.html#phase_1)

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